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# JACK DOYLE

## MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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### **DOYLE TO TESTIFY BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL AVIATION SUB-COMMITTEE**

County Executive Jack Doyle is set to testify tomorrow afternoon before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's Aviation Sub-Committee. Doyle's testimony will be directed at the issue of a proposed lottery to assign slots, or access, to airlines at LaGuardia Airport in New York City.

In addition, Doyle intends to familiarize members of the Aviation Sub-Committee with Monroe County's airport; to discuss the local impact of the proposed slot exemptions; to identify deficiencies in the existing system; and to offer his thoughts and recommendations for future action.

"As one of the most costly airfare markets in the United States, it is critical that our voice be heard on the LaGuardia lottery issue," said Doyle. "The New York City area is Monroe County's top Origin & Destination (O&D) market, so any decisions that will impact prices and competition on this route are very important to our community. I also want to ensure that whatever decision is made regarding LaGuardia will have a positive impact on prices and competition in other slot-controlled airports like Chicago's O'Hare and Washington's Reagan National."

In addition to discussing the issue of access at LaGuardia, Doyle will address the impact of jetBlue's presence in Monroe County and the affect this added competition has had on prices for the New York City O&D market. He will also talk about his ongoing efforts to attract low-fare air carriers to the Rochester market.

Doyle was invited to testify before the sub-committee by its Chairman, Congressman Schuster, and his testimony will be entered into the Congressional Record on this matter. Airport Director Terry Slaybaugh will join the County Executive on his trip to Washington.

A copy of Doyle's testimony will be available on Monroe County's website ([www.co.monroe.ny.us](http://www.co.monroe.ny.us)) after 5 PM on Tuesday, December 5, 2000.

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